PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Yesterday our Year 2/3 class along with Mrs Andrews, Mrs Foley and Mrs Ware visited the residents of Livingstone House as part of our senior’s week celebrations. More details of their visit are included in this week’s newsletter – thank you to Mrs Andrews for organising a great day for the kids as well as the seniors they visited and played with.

Yesterday I received notice that the ‘old’ Jacaranda Thursday local holiday will be reintroduced this year. This will mean that school will not be open so that children and their families can enjoy the Jacaranda Thursday festivities on October 30. More details will be sent home closer to this date.

Our primary overnight excursion to The Gorge is fast approaching and whilst we have received a number of permission notes, there are still many outstanding. Please send these in ASAP as we need to be able to allocate children to cars and tents. Whenever we are out of the school on excursions, and particularly overnight stays, safety of the kids is our first priority. Before and during each excursion children are constantly reminded that they also need to take responsibility for their own and others’ safety. This year I will be introducing an Excursion Behaviour Contract for children attending The Gorge camp. When this comes home, I would like parents to read it with their children and explain the importance of listening to and following instructions, common sense and their responsibilities for their safety and that of others. It would also be appropriate to talk with children about possible consequences of poor behaviour prior to and during excursions. These would most likely include being ineligible for the next school excursion or sporting team.

Bike day today saw all students in years 2-6 with bikes ride to the Rodeo Grounds and river. All up we covered about 8km of cycling without too many crashes. Our K/1 students, and older kids with scooters, participated in bike safety activities at school and also enjoyed themselves very much. Today was National Ride 2 School Day with thousands of kids riding their bikes to school across the country. As most of our kids live too far away to ride to school our day is a little different and we ride at school and from school.

Cheers,
Andrew